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DEPARTMENT FOR SCS, VIENNA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. SHARON, DONALD, MARILYN AND STEVEN FRANKEL WILL DEPART WARSAW SATURDAY AUGUST 12 BY AIR TO FRANKFURT, THENCE VIA PAN AM 073 TO NYC/JFK ARRIVING 16:50, DEPART NYC/LA GUARDIA AUGUST 12 VIA UNITED 665 ARRIVING CLEVELAND 21:12. STEVEN, WHO HAS FULL POWER OF ATTORNEY SIGNED BY FATHER, WALKS WITH DIFFICULTY DUE LEG INJURY. THEY URGENTLY REQUEST THAT MR. ROGER LEE, EL-O ELECTRIC COMPANY, (AC 216), 464 8306, BE NOTIFIED BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 11 OF THEIR ARRIVAL AND ARRANGE TO MEET THEM ON ARRIVAL CLEVELAND. THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS COVER ALL EVENTUALITIES, EXCEPT FOR STEVEN ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

2. SPECIAL TRAUMA HOSPITAL AT PIEKARY SLASKIE, TO WHICH MRS. RINA FRANKEL WAS TRANSFERRED AUGUST 10, IMMEDIATELY APPLIED HEEL PIN TRACTION. AFTER ONE DAY OBSERVATION, HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES STATED HER CONDITION APPEARS TO BE STABILIZING TO THE POINT THEY WOULD PROVISIONALLY RECOMMEND EVACUATION TO THE U.S. RATHER THAN SURGERY HERE. WE ARE NOW SEEKING UNCLASSIFIED

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PHONE CONTACT AGAIN WITH HOSPITAL AND HAVE SENT CONSULAR OFFICER TO OBTAIN LATEST MEDICAL OPINION FROM HOSPITAL, AND WILL ADVISE.

3. BASED ON INFORMATION PARA TWO, EMBASSY WARSAW AGAIN SEEKING TO MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS FOR MRS. FRANKEL TO TRAVEL IN LITTER BY AIR TO U. S. BEST CONNECTION AVAILABLE,

WARSAW ADVISES, IS DIRECT WARSAW - NEW YORK L.O.T. POLISH AIRLINES FLIGHT SATURDAY AUGUST 19 REPEAT 19. WE ASSUME MEDICAL ATTENDANT WOULD BE REQUIRED AND ARE IN PROCESS LOCATING A QUALIFIED ENGLISH-SPEAKING PHYSICIAN OR NURSE, ON STANDBY BASIS. FYI, FRANKEL CHILDREN, UPON BEING TOLD FACTS OUTLINED IN PARA TWO, REQUESTED THAT EVEN IF MEDICAL AUTHORITIES OR AIRLINE DID NOT INSIST ON ATTENDANT, WE SHOULD ARRANGE FOR ONE NEVERTHELESS AND STEVEN, WHO HOLDS POWER OF ATTORNEY, INDICATED HE WOULD LEAVE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THIS REQUEST WITH EMBASSY WARSAW. END FYI.

4. DAUGHTER ANNA HAS REMAINED BEHIND IN CHRZANOW TO BE WITH FATHER AND MOTHER. WE HAVE MADE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR HER TO TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO HOSPITALS, WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST.

5. FOR VIENNA: IN VIEW RENEWED POSSIBILITY EVACUATION FOR MRS. FRANKEL, AND YOUR KIND OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE (FOR WHICH MR/MRS FRANKEL EXPRESSED REPEATED THANKS), IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF YOUR STAFF COULD AGAIN INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER AIR CONNECTIONS BACK TO U.S. EITHER TO NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON/DULLES. IF SPACE FOR LITTER TRANSPORTATION PLUS ATTENDANT COULD BE OBTAINED VIA VIENNA EARLIER THAN AUGUST 19 DATE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH WARSAW, ASSUME FRANKELS WOULD AGAIN CONSIDER AIR AMBULANCE EVACUATION TO VIENNA IF HOSPITAL S ULTIMATE RECOMMENDATION IS FOR RETURN TO U.S.
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ONE FACTOR WE CANNOT ASSESS HERE IS ADVISABILITY OF SUCH TRANSPORTATION IF IT SHOULD INVOLVE CHANGE OF PLANES ENROUTE RATHER THAN DIRECT VIENNA - U.S. BUT ASSUME RMO PETTINGA COULD ADVISE ON THAT POINT.

6. RE MR. FRANKEL, WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING ARRANGE FOR FULL-TIME ATTENDANT SINCE CUSTODIAL SERVICES (BATHING, ETC.) ARE MINIMAL AT SMALL CHRZANOW HOSPITAL.

7. AFTER BRIEF PHONE CONVERSATION (BAD CONNECTION) WITH TRAUMA HOSPITAL 18:30 LOCAL TIME, APPEARS THEY ARE NOT REPEAT NOT RECOMMENDING EVACUATION, ONLY SAYING THAT HER CONDITION APPEARS IMPROVING TO POINT THAT SHE COULD JUST AS WELL BE EVACUATED IF SHE WISHED. ONE FACTOR IN HER DECISION, OF COURSE, WOULD BE AVAILABILITY EARLY AIR TRANSPORTATION. WE WILL ADVISE FURTHER WHEN DEFINITIVE HOSPITAL OPINION OBTAINED AFTER REEXAMINATION PLANNED AUGUST 12.

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